BEFORE THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

In the Matter of:

RP TRAVEL,

Respondent.

Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0097¹ (Southern Service Center)

ORDER

By letter dated March 1, 2009, and received March 16, 2009, Respondent, RP Travel, wrote to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) concerning an Order to Show Cause. If this is Respondent's attempt to show cause why it should not be prohibited from operating, pursuant to 49 CFR 386.83(b), it is unacceptable. Section 386.83(b)(2) provides that "[t]he prohibition may be avoided only by submitting to the Chief Safety Officer: (i) Evidence that the respondent has paid the entire amount; or evidence that the respondent has filed for bankruptcy under chapter 11, title 11, United States Code." Respondent has not done that. Instead, Respondent referred to a previous case against Delta Brigade Youth Music Association (Delta Brigade), which it stated was dismissed by the U.S. Treasury. Respondent alleged that a Department of Transportation officer had concluded erroneously that Respondent was a continuation of Delta Brigade.

Respondent provided a copy of a December 25, 2008, letter that it sent to Claimant, the Field Administrator for the FMCSA's Southern Service Center; that letter, however, concerns case number AR-2007-0078-US0698, which is different from the matter set forth in the March 1, 2009, letter. Respondent also provided a copy of a

¹ The prior case number of this matter was AR-2009-0005-US0698.

December 1, 2008, letter referring to a November 3, 2008, review, which could be a compliance review (CR) conducted before the issuance of a Notice of Claim, though it is by no means clear that it is. In the December 1st letter, Respondent maintained that there could not have been a review in Arkansas on November 3rd because its principal was in Louisiana on that date. Respondent has provided neither the Order to Show Cause, the Notice of Claim, nor the Notice of Default and Final Agency Order (NDFAO).

It is not possible to make any findings based upon this record. If Respondent desires to be heard, it must place in the record all documents pertaining to this case in their order of occurrence and identify each document. That is, it must supply the Notice of Claim and whatever reply it made to the Notice of Claim, whether that be the December 1, 2008, letter or some other document. Moreover, if a NDFAO was issued, Respondent should submit that document as well as whatever response it made to it. If a NDFAO was issued and Respondent did not petition for its reconsideration, Respondent should so state and explain why it did not. It should submit the Order to Show Cause as well as any other orders or notices that it received from FMCSA. For his part, Claimant should reply to whatever evidence and argument Respondent submits.

Respondent has 30 days from the service date of this Order to supply the requested information. Claimant will have 30 days from the service date of Respondent's submission in which to reply.

It Is So Ordered.

Rose A. McMurray

Assistant Administrator

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

4-15-09 Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 11 day of 2009, the undersigned mailed or delivered, as specified, the designated number of copies of the foregoing document to the persons listed below.

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